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**PRESIDENT'S SUMMER CONVOCATION** — Dr. A. I. Thomas poses with program participants (including a 1920 graduate, center). The Thursday morning program featured presentation by several student groups.

# P V M The **PANTHER** Prairie View A&M University

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## PV-ites Selected to Participate in World University Games in Europe

### Jacket to Serve as Ass't. Coach, U. S. Team

Barbara Jacket has been selected to serve as an Assistant Coach at the World University Games which will be held August 19-23, 1977 in Sophia, Bulgaria.

This is another profile of success for Prairie View A&M University, as another member of its faculty is recognized in the professional community for her expertise, her competence and her outstanding record of accomplishments in field and track.

Barbara Jacket is an Assistant Professor of Physical Education. She is Head Women's Track Coach. She has put together a Women's track team at Prairie View which has been winning in women's athletics world wide. She has been the producer of outstanding women athletes.



**Barbara Jacket** such as Debra Sapenter, Atherine Gainer, 1976 National AAU record holder in the 400 meter hurdles and Mary Ayers the new queen of the cinders who has recently broken the national record for the 400 meter hurdles.

Barbara Jacket has been the Southwestern Athletic Confer-



### Debra Williams is Member of U. S. Basketball Team

Debra Williams, a member of the 1976-77 Pantherettes basketball team was one of the ten women chosen for the World University Women Games.

Debra, who averaged 31 points a season and hit 55 points in one game as a senior at Waller High School, averaged 17.5 points and 12.0 rebounds as a freshman at Prairie View last season.

She will go to a training camp from July 25-August 14 in New York and from the training camp 13 of 25 participants will go to Europe.

ence's Coach of the Year in 1974 and in 1976 and 1977. She was runner-up Coach of the Year in the Billy Jean King's Sports publication in 1974. She was selected and served as Coach of the Junior AAU Track Team in 1973 and was Coach of the U.S. Team which competed in Lenningrad, Russia in 1976.

Under her direction the

## V-P for Physical Facilities Named

Dr. Decatur B. Rogers has been named to the new post of vice president for physical plant planning and engineering, said Prairie View A&M University President A. I. Thomas.

Rogers, holder of three degrees from Vanderbilt, will administer operations, maintenance and planning for the Physical Plant Planning and Engineering Department, plus buildings, grounds and utilities.

In the past, the department has been administered by an associate director and the utilities, building maintenance and grounds maintenance divisions each by a supervisor.

Thomas said Rogers is a native of Starkville, Miss. and received the B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from Tennessee State University in 1967.

Rogers enrolled in Vanderbilt University and earned M.S. degrees in 1969 and 1972 and the Ph.D. degree in 1975. He has also attended Auburn, George Washington and New York universities.

"We look forward to a dynamic era of growth in the Physical Plant Planning and Engineering Department under the leadership of Dr. Rogers," said Thomas.

## Drama Group to Present Plays

The Charles Gilpin Players of Prairie View A&M University will present a variety of skits and plays during the month of July and August. Dr. Ted Shrine director of drama will present a Children's Theatre production. Student director Robert Sexton will present a one-act play entitled *The First Militant Peacher*. The drama club is now accepting member-

## Alumni Ex-Students National Convention Set for July 8-10

The Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association will hold its Third National Convention on July 8-10 at Houston's Hyatt Regency Hotel and at Prairie View.

LTC Beaungard Brown III, a member of the sponsoring class of 1957, is serving as a convention director. He and a special committee have planned a full and exciting weekend of activities which will feature several outstanding leaders as program participants.

Houston major Fred Hofheinz has issued a proclamation indicating July 8-10 as "Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association Convention Weekend." Hofheinz, city councilman Judson Robinson, Jr., Congresswoman Barbara Jordon and others are expected to appear on the two-day program. Greetings and expression of good wishes have been received from Governor Dolph Briscoe and other state and national leaders.

The convention is scheduled to begin with a cocktail party set for 7:00 p.m. Friday night at the Hyatt Regency. The visitors will hear greetings and words of welcome from city officials and

alumni officers. Saturday's schedule includes the campus visit, luncheon and tour. A dinner-dance is set for Friday evening in the hotel. President A. I. Thomas will serve as dinner speaker. Annual Alumni Awards will be presented on this occasion.

Sunday's program includes a 9:00 a.m. brunch at the Hyatt Regency followed by the official closing.

Colonel Brown, who is an official at the Headquarters of the XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, N.C. is calling on Prairie View Alumni from all parts of the nation to attend.



**LTC. Beaungard Brown, III**  
Alumni Convention Director

## Miss Texas Pageant

### Support for Miss PV Growing Both Here and in Ft. Worth

Miss Tamera Wiley, Miss Prairie View is representing Prairie View A&M University in the Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant in Fort Worth on July 3-9.

Several activities have been held and are planned during the week for Miss Prairie View both in Dallas and Ft. Worth. In an effort to support the university, entree in the annual Miss Texas contest, a chartered bus load of students and staff members attended the talent program Wednesday night. Many others have sent telegrams and flowers during the week.

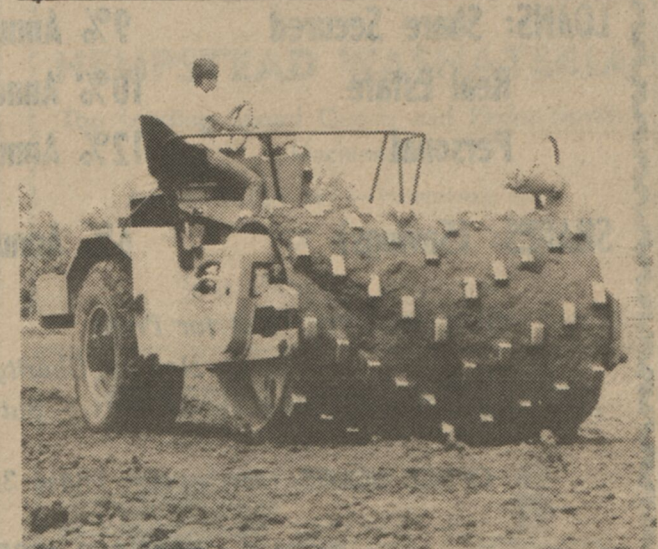
The Dallas-Prairie View Alumni Club welcomed the University queen to their city on July 1-3. Accompanied by Mrs. Delia M. Hunt, a local



**Tamera Wiley**  
Miss Prairie View  
pageant official and Prairie View professor, Miss Wiley was a guest in the home of Mrs. See MISS PV, Page 3



**1916 GRADUATE RETURNS** — President A. I. Thomas and Id. Ed. Dean Dr. S. R. Collins welcome Mrs. Evelyn Carter, a 1916 PV graduate, on her return visit to the campus. The attractive alumnae made quite an impression on PV administrative officials.



**CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS** — Preparation for streets and walks, pictured above, is one of the major projects in progress throughout the campus.

## Fall Term Pre-Registration Begins August 1st





**CHEMISTRY PROGRAM** — Participants in the National Science Foundation (NSF) — Student Science Training Program in Chemistry are pictured above with Director W. E. Reid.

## Free Immunization Clinic Scheduled July 13 at PV

Children in Prairie View, the surrounding areas, and all other cities have every right to expect freedom from immunizable disease, and the Texas Department of Health Resources along with many volunteer organizations is leading the fight for this freedom.

Pre-schoolers, from new-borns to first graders, are the most susceptible children to the diseases which are preventable through immunizations.

The threats of rubella, measles, polio, diphtheria, whooping cough, mumps, and tetanus are still with us despite the great success the state and the Waller County area has had in preventive efforts.

One of the biggest inroads into disease control has been the compulsory immunization law passed by the Texas Legislature for our schools. This law also applies to children attending child care centers.

Armed with immunizing agents and legislation, private physicians, public health officials, and an educated public have done much to drastically cut the incidence of disease in Texas.

Statistics show that the job is being done well in many areas, but health authorities say that the percentages of the pre-schoolers are still low enough to allow the quick spread of these diseases if they get started.

The Texas Department of Health Resources, Public Health Region VIII and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority continue to aide in the fight against childhood disease by conducting a FREE SHOT CLINIC the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The clinic will be held July 13, 1977 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the old hospital on the Prairie View campus. The parent or legal guardian must accompany children and they are reminded to please bring

## Experiment in Living

By Carla Davis

The 1977 Experiment in Living program is well represented this summer. It includes a vast number of highly, enrich, academically achieve persons who have set goals and aims toward self development improvement, self direction and individual fulfillment.

The E.I.L. were well represented at the Presidential Orientation in the Alumni Hall with a colorful show by blue E.I.L. teeshirts. The E.I.L. were also well represented at the Presidential Convocation in which some of its members ushered.

The E.I.L. sponsored a get-together dance for its members on June 11 in the Memorial Center, room 114,

any records of previous shots the children have received.

Adults are also reminded that they should receive a Tetanus, Diphtheria booster every ten years. Anyone who would like to get this may receive it at our clinic.

which was an enjoyable occasion.

The E.I.L. presents a seminar every Thursday which includes very interesting facts and ideals over the progress of production people.

The newly-elected officers for the 1977 Experiment in Living program are: president, Ricky Gaines; vice president, Shiela Ellis; Secretary, Angela Dupli-chain; Treasurer, Sharon Gamble; Sargeant-at-arms, Reginald Fitzgerald; reporter, Henderson Williams; chairman of Academic, Veil Lebeaux; chairman of social committee, Pamela Cockrell; co-chairman, Mytra Berry; chairman of recreation, Sandra White; co-chairman, Gregory Mayo.

## Alcoa Names PV Prof. in Residence

Gary C. Griesbach, senior mechanical engineer at Alcoa's Rockdale Works, has been named the Alcoa Industrial Professor in Residence for 1977-78 at Prairie View A&M University. He will join the Prairie View engineering faculty in mid-August, according to Duncan D. McGregor, works manager.

Gary is the third Alcoa engineer to participate in the program which began in 1975. He succeeds Marvin Luther of the company's Point Comfort operations.

According to McGregor, the purpose of the program is to broaden the faculty's scope by utilizing a professional person from the industrial community.

It is also part of Alcoa's continuing commitment to the National Alliance of Businessmen's Cluster program to increase the number of minority engineers, the Alcoa official said.

Griesbach and his family will reside in the Houston area during the nine-month temporary assignment.

He joined Alcoa in the corporate engineering department in Pittsburgh in 1969 after earning a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Penn State University. He has been in the mechanical engineering department at Rockdale Works since 1973.

Griesbach and his wife, Annette, have one daughter, Korey, 5.

## Dean Greaux Chairs ASEE's National Guidance Committee

Dean A. E. Greaux, P.E., Dean of the College of Engineering, has recently been appointed Chairman of the National Guidance Committee of the American Society for Engineering Education. The appointment becomes effective with ASEE's National Annual Conference which will convene at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota, on June 26, 1977, June 30, 1977.

The Committee is charged with the following responsibilities:

1. to become acquainted with all guidance activities which may be sponsored by any of the units within ASEE and to see that these are properly coordinated with the national guidance effort.
2. To recommend ASEE policy and programs on all matters pertaining to guidance of prospective and current engineering students.
3. to recommend appropriate action to the chairman in his role as ASEE representative on the National Executive Guidance Committee.

ASEE is the national engineering professional society which is directly concerned with giving direction to engineering education and for promoting all levels of engineering education in this country.

Its membership is comprised of engineers who are responsible for engineering education in over 300 universities with engineering curricula. Over 200 engineering corporations are members of this national society.

Other members of the Guidance Committee include, W. M. Harting, E. D. Rebusci, General Electric Co.; D. C. Leaman, ASQC, G. A. Corser, General Motors Institute, H. T. Travis, Purdue University, W. R. Upthegrove, University of Oklahoma and Chairman of the Engineering Colleges Council M. C. Mazzola, Franklin Institute and the Technical Colleges Council, R. B. Finch, American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Applied Mechanics Council; E. C. Gordhamer, Aerosystems, and B. J. Withworth, Hughes Tool Company, and Chairman College Industry Council.

Dean Greaux has served on several committees of ASEE. He is currently serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Gulf-Southwest Section of ASEE.

He is also on the Executive Board of the Professional Engineers in Education (Pee) of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

Dean Greaux has been a prime mover in opening opportunities for minorities in the engineering profession. Under his leadership the



A. E. Greaux, P.E.

college of Engineering, Prairie View A&M University has not only gained national accreditation from E.C.P.D. but it has been the leader in developing many inovative programs which have served to increase the number of minorities, especially Black Americans, who are now in the mainstream of the engineering profession. Prairie View's College of Engineering is the lead university in this nation in enrollment and in engineering graduates who come from the minority communities of this State and nation. Nearly 1000 graduates have been produced in engineering by Prairie View A&M University.

According to Dean Greaux, "This appointment affords this University the opportunity and the challenge to help in the planning the development, and the implementation of a national program which would serve to improve the technical manpower supply which this country will need to cope with the every-changing demands of society on the constantly evolving technology. It also affords this university and ASEE an opportunity to influence more effectively the flow of minorities into the engineering profession."

As chairman of the committee, Dean Greaux will be the official representative of ASEE to the National Executive Guidance Committee.

## PV-ites Selected

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Prairie View Pantherettes have returned home with the top trophies in virtually every major regional and national sports competition.

It is evident that this University is demonstrating in a positive manner what it articulates in its position statement; that is, each student has the potential for success and that this University is the proper environment to cause this potential to become kinetic and result in success.

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**UNIVERSITY GRANT** — Frank E. Petty (center) presents a Shell Oil Company check to university president Dr. A. I. Thomas. Dr. Maurice Mills, chairman of the Chemistry Department is pictured at left.

## I. E. Teacher Certification Program Held at Houston Tech. Institute

The Vocational Industrial Teacher Education Department is experiencing a most successful year of service to public school teachers of Texas. Certification courses are currently being offered to 120 persons approved by the Texas Education Agency as being qualified to offer instruction in various vocational training areas in Texas public schools.

Classes are conducted at Houston Technical Institute in Houston. This facility is made available by the Houston Independent School District. Inasmuch as most of the students live in the great Houston area, the site and location of classes prove to be financially beneficial for the majority.

Dr. A. T. Kynard, Head Teacher Educator and chairman of the Vocational

Industrial Teacher Education Department serves as coordinator for the program. The instructional staff consists of eight public school vocational teachers, counselors and supervisors approved by the Texas Education Agency and Prairie View A&M University. They include Lott J. Brooks, North Forest ISD; Helen A. Eaton, Johnny D. Gentry, Betty J. Jennings, and Neri G. Terry, Houston ISD; Vertie M. Ward, Pasadena ISD; Byron A. Russell, Klein ISD; and Theresa B. Sneed, Dallas ISD.

This is the fourth consecutive summer that Prairie View A&M University has offered certification courses at Houston Technical Institute. These services are provided by the College of Industrial Education and Technology where Dr. S. R. Collins serves as Dean.

## AKA Honoree

On Thursday, June 16th Miss Velma Veronica Wilson honored the Music Department as well as the Students and faculty of Prairie View with her senior recital on French horn. After which she was presented a bouquet of roses by Mr. Gregory Gee.

Immediately following the recital the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority honored

her with a reception in L. O. Evans Hall.

Miss Wilson is a native of Nasau Bahamas. She will be graduating in August.

### LARGEST MART

The \$65 million Millcreek shopping mall in Erie, Pa., is the largest single-design shopping center under one roof in the United States.

## National Teacher Exams Set for Saturday, July 16

Prospective teachers will take the National Teacher Examinations on July 16 at Prairie View A&M. Dr. George H. Stafford, testing director and admissions director at Prairie View, announced.

During the one-day testing session, a registrant may take the Common Examinations, which include tests in professional and general education, plus one of the 22 Area Examinations designed to probe knowledge of particular subject matter and teaching methods.

Once registered, each candidate will receive an admission ticket and notification of the exact location of the center at which to report. Those taking the Common Examinations will report at 8:30 a.m. and finish at about 12:30 p.m., Dr. Stafford said. Area Examinations are scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to about 4:15 p.m.

## Miss PV —

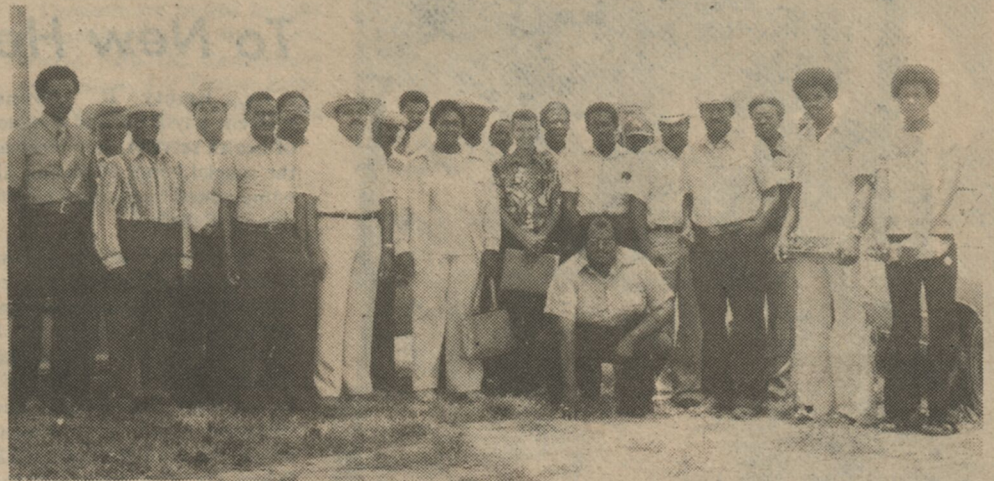
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Dora Dabbs Friday and Saturday morning. She and Mrs. Hunt were the guests of the Dallas group at the Sheraton Kiest Hotel and at a reception and evening-on-the-town.

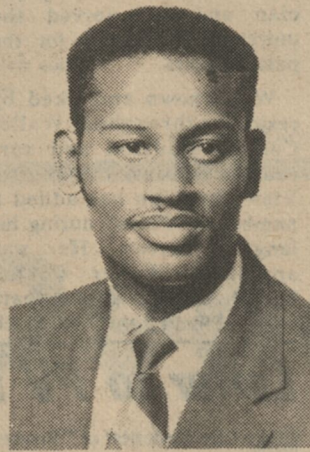
Miss Prairie View received a similar welcome upon her arrival in Ft. Worth where she joined the other pageant contestants at Ramada Inn Central and at the Convention Center. The Miss Texas Pageant schedule includes talent night—Wednesday, July 6; swim suit competition—Thursday, July 7; Evening gowns—Friday, July 8, and the finals Saturday night, July 9.

A sophomore Mass Communications major from Houston, Miss Wiley won the coveted Miss PV title during the recent Pageant held on campus in April. She received high praise for her talent presentation, a singing and dancing act, which is a major item in the final judging.

Tell me what books you read and I will tell you what you are. —Unknown



**AGRICULTURAL SHORT COURSE** — Participants in an agricultural short course are pictured with Dr. Alfred N. Poindexter, university veterinarian, during a training session.



## Christopher is Consultant for Research Center

Clyde Christopher, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Director of Computer Science Education was a visitor at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado on June 9th and 10th. He served as a consultant in the Computing Facility with the Cooperative Education Program Summer Interns. Undergraduate students in the program this summer are from Del Mar University, Metropolitan University, Bishop College, Talledega College, and Cornell University.

While at NCAR, Mr. Christopher held conference with the students and with the NCAR staff members who serve as their advisors. He also gave two lectures on "ERROR ANALYSIS IN NUMERICAL CALCULATIONS."

## Engineering Concepts Institute (E.C.I.) Students Visit Industries

Members of the 1977 Engineering Concepts Institute (ECI) visited three major industrial corporations on Wednesday, June 29th. The 130 member organization which is known by its acronym, ECI, moved by chartered busses to visit the Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA), Rockdale Operations, Celanese Corporation's Bay City Facility and Collins-Rockwell International of Richardson, Texas.

The 130 member organization was divided into three visitation teams. Each team hosted by an industrial corporation. The visit to industry is a part of the 10-week summer intensive study program which is conducted by the College of Engineering. The visit is an Extended Field Laboratory Study Tour. "It simply affords our students the opportunity to utilize the resources of these major industries in broadening their learning experiences. The members of the industries technical staff, that is, their engineers, become the engineering faculty for the study tour. Their laboratories, their production facilities, their conference centers, become our field laboratories and our classrooms during this Extended Field Laboratory Study Tour" states Dean A. E. Greaux.

Ten U.S. presidents served at one time or another without a vice president. The first was John Tyler; the last, Gerald Ford.

Each visiting team was chaired by a member of the faculty and a student counterpart. The secretary for the team was a student member. The team was comprised of four subgroups. Each subgroup was comprised of ten students and was managed by a student coordinator. Each subgroup was given a specific assignment and must prepare a formal report on that assignment. These reports are being compiled into a final team report.

The Extended Field Laboratory Study is designed as a learning experience which provided the students with immediate contacts with the realities of engineering practice through the on-site visits to these industries. It affords the student the opportunity to interface with the practicing professionals and learn from the engineers in industry from the engineers in industry. It also provides the students with broadening insights relative to career awareness and the opportunities which are available in the profession. According to the participants the visit to industry was a new experience and a worthwhile exposure.

Newt Hopkins, Instructor of General Engineering is serving as faculty Coordinator of the Extended Field Laboratory Study Tour. Under his direction plans are being developed for two additional study tours during Engineering Summer '77.

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**GIFT TO PRAIRIE VIEW** — Mrs. Beatrice Randall, an alumnus and former employee, presents a check to university officials from her wheelchair at home. Accepting the honor are President A. I. Thomas (center), Rev. W. Van Johnson, (who serves as spiritual advisor to Mrs. Randall), and Development Officers Ms. Cynthia Rogers.

## The Living Reality

Written by: Ernest Thomas, Jr.

Through the gates of higher learning in pursuit of knowledge profound.

I dedicate my life with courage, integrity, and compassion abound.

You will instruct me, lecture me, and praise me and you will show me how to satisfy my needs;

So that my life will be on a high calling and full of great deeds.

Through the corridors of this institution I humbly aspire;

To lift my body, mind, and spirit ever so higher.

With faith and hope, Blood, Sweat, and Tears;

I will learn so much from you in these next few years.

Many have gone before me and their banners are altruistic displays;

Proudly they serve and are succeeding in many great and tremendous ways.

Atop this rising and dawning horizon where I stand great expectations encompass my heart.

How can I learn more from you to learn more of life?

To live more in the Divine Reality and wisely extract the truth from strife.

The Creator will endow me with wisdom and from your troughs of knowledge will I drink my heart's desire;

I will stop, look, and listen until, until the very roots of my heart are on heart.

Oh what a burning desire to help free my people and lead the way;

For we all have to bear and tarry until that glorious and everlasting day;

When the sun, moon, and stars will shine side by side;

The unknown will become the known and on misty magnificent clouds will I take my ride.

The life of all life will blossom heavenly and answer my pleas;

I will tell her that I love and need her as I kneel down on my knees;

Even when pain and sorrow strikes me in the zenith of my life;

She will always comfort and console me as I fade out of sight.

Teach Oh teach me help me to understand;

How I may give my life to the Victory for the Brotherhood of Man.

Show me the tools that I need and the applications I must apply;

I will forever be grateful until the day I die.

Into the Breadth, Width, and the Height of life sublime, through the portals of now and infinity;

Our hearts will be in pure love, by the dream of "THE LIVING REALITY!"

### Drama Group

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ships. Anyone interested please drop by The Old Wash House Theatre for more information between the hours of 1-5 Monday thru Friday. The Players will also visit Theatres and see productions in Houston this summer. So come on out and express that talent you hold. Who knows who's looking.

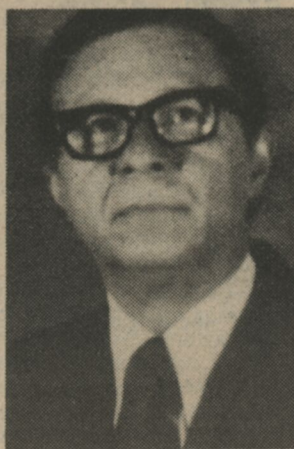
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## Dr. Owens Name Added To New Health Building

Dr. Emory R. Owens, resident physician and director of health services, has received the special honor of having his name added to the new Health Center Building.

The Owens-Franklin Health Center was officially named following recommendations presented by President A. I. Thomas to the Board of Regents. Dr. Franklin was head of the Prairie View Hospital when Dr. Owens joined the staff there in 1942. When Dr. Franklin left the institution in the late 1940's to pursue private practice, Dr. Owens became resident physician and has served the university community for the past 35 years.

Well-known and liked by residents throughout Waller County, Houston and surrounding areas, the Prairie View physician has added a number of "Firsts" during his lengthy career. He was appointed Waller County Health Officer a few years back, becoming the first Black



Dr. E. R. Owens

to be named to such a position in the state. He was also named president of the Tri-County Medical Society, another interracial miracle for that period in the sixties.

Dr. Owens, most recent honor was his appointments by Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe to the Hospital Licensing Advisory Council for the State of Texas and to the title of Admiral in the Texas Navy.

## Letter to PV Panther Family

We (the students) of "Project Pride" wish to offer our deepest and most sincere thanks and appreciation to all the University staff that are so earnestly and diligently assisting us in this sensitive transitory stage of our lives. Our stay at Prairie View has been a period of amiable understanding and impeccable kindness.

It is very evident that most of our fellow students are away from home for the first time. Thus what is constituted is a contrasting paradigm which differentiates from their accustomed personal, social, and economical backgrounds. To undertake such a mountainous task requires professional training, in counseling and an in-depth comprehension of the sociological and psychological entities governing the functions and needs of the newcomer in College. We feel that the Success of "PROJECT PRIDE" is ascribed to the reputable qualifications of the staff involved. However, what is

of prime and paramount importance is that the staff of personnel possess compassionate and magnanimous hearts. Beyond all, we want you (the staff of Project Pride) to know that your work is not in vain. We appreciate all your efforts and undertakings. We want you to know that our goal is to be the best group of Freshman ever to hit the Prairie View campus. We believe in the PV philosophy of success because every staff member here exemplifies the characteristics which are indicative of productive people.

We are especially grateful to our President, Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, for such a brilliant and splendid speech which he delivered on June 9 at the Orientation Program for New Students. We want to give special thanks to Mr. Frank Yepp, Rev. Van Johnson, Mr. Ambrose Adams, and Mr. Archie H. Manning, as well as all of the Prairie View Family. Because of this dynamic and constructive impact you have

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### Solomon's Summation Of Life

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"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgement, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." (Eccl. 12:13,14).

In that reading we have Solomon's summation of life. Man's mission is not merely to satisfy the desires of the flesh, for man is more than flesh. Being a two-fold creation, body and spirit, man's spirit is much more than the body (Mt. 10:28; 16:26) Eccl. 12:6,7). The objects of man's mission cannot be found in the physical and material aspects of his accomplishments. One is not wrong in thinking of material things, but one is fundamentally wrong in thinking that material things are the only things. Some seem to think that if they supply food, clothing, shelter, and an education for themselves and for their loved ones, they have achieved their true mission of life. But this is not true! Jesus said, "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Lk. 12:15). It does not matter how attractive, art, science, and philosophy — the gods of this world — these can never satisfy the longing of the human heart. We can not live by bread alone (Mt. 4:4). Another life follows this one, and the human heart in which God has set eternity will not truly be satisfied with things of time and sense (Eccl. 3:11). Having put the materialistic approach to the severest test, Solomon declared that, "all is vanity and vexation of spirit."

But what is the mission of man? Why was man placed in the world? What is his business here? Man is to honor and glorify God, his Creator. Man was created in the image of God (Gen. 1:27). Because of his intellectual powers, man is much more than an animal (Psa. 8:1-18). Truly, man is the "offspring of God" (Acts 17:29; Heb. 12:9). Man's first duty is to love God with all his soul, heart and mind. Furthermore, he is to love his neighbor as himself (Mt. 22:34-40). All that man does must be done to the glory of God (1 Co. 10:31).

Man owes an enormous debt of gratitude to many for countless blessings which he was powerless to provide for himself. He is indebted to God for "life, and breath, and all things... for in him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:25,28). Man is a debtor to Jesus for salvation from sin; "for he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world" (1 Jn. 2:2). Man is indebted to the apostles and other early Christians for their "work of faith and labor of love", which contributes so much to his moral and spiritual

attainment (Heb. 1:1,2; 2:1-4). And what of those gospel preachers, past and present, who have given so much that we might know the truth of God. Think of our parents who loved us and cared for us when we were unable to care for ourselves. Even our government is entitled to our gratitude for its protection which it provides daily. We should be so grateful for so many things. Truly, ingratitude disfigures man's countenance; but gratitude is the mark of beauty when added to man's countenance that gives angelic loveliness to his character.

It is man's duty to fill his mind with the choicest thoughts and ideals obtainable. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." A contaminated spring, it doesn't matter, how beautiful, can never give forth pure water. Daily Bible reading is a must for that man who desires to see himself and society improve. Every home should contain good books and see that they are read.

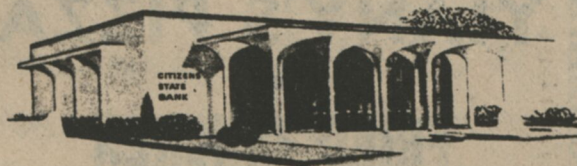
Man must strive to exert the greatest possible influence for good, not only for his own benefit, but also for the benefit of others. Someone has said, "Man has been placed in the world in order that he may develop and expand his talents and capacities to their fullest extent. If he is to do so, he will need four things: knowledge, art, technical skill, morality and religion; for truth must be known, beauty fashioned, good practiced, and God feared and loved." When man tries to alleviate suffering, endeavors to banish ignorance, and seeks to brighten the way for others, he is putting forth effort to fulfill his mission on earth (Rom. 1:14-17). The prophet declared: "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God" (Micah 6:8). Another prophet said: "Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well, seek judgement, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow" (Sia. 1:16, 17).

Man's sojourn is of short duration in this world, and his exit is sure. Death comes and the judgement follows (Heb. 9:27). Man is a sinner, "for all have sinned" and sin demands punishment, unless some means of salvation can be found. The only means through which God can justify sinners is through faith in Christ. This necessitated the death of Christ upon the cross. Therefore, suffering in our behalf the penalty of the violated law. Only those with an obedient faith will escape everlasting punishment and enter into everlasting life. (Mt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8,9; 1 Pet. 4:17; II Thes. 1:7-9).

Even though many conflicting voices are calling, the voice of God can be heard, if one's heart is set on knowing the truth (Jn. 7:17; 8:32). Man must not permit himself to be deceived.

The way of salvation can and must be found or man is doomed to be lost forever. Man's highest ambition should be to find the door that leads to heaven. Let the uppermost thoughts of your heart be directed toward preparation for that world which is to come (Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15,16).

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## Tribute to Dr. Anderson



### Former Students Establish Memorial Scholarship Fund

Statements of tribute was presented by Dr. Joahanne Thomas, head, English Department; Dr. Robert A. Henry, Music department head; Dr. Herald I. Stark, Emeritis

A special concert presenting former singers and students of Dr. H. Edison Anderson, Sr. was held on Sunday, June 19 to pay tribute to the deceased choir director and professor of choral music. The program, which also included expressions of tribute, was held in Recital Hall, Hubart Taylor Arts and Sciences Building.

professor of music, University of Iowa; H. Edison Anderson, Jr. who presented a portrait of Dr. Anderson to the Music Department, and President A. I. Thomas.

Members of the H.E.A.M.S. Foundation Committee includes: Mr. Tom J. Jones, Chairman, Oakland, California; Mrs. Gloria Anderson, Prairie View, Texas; Mrs. Barbara Thompson, Galveston, Texas; Mrs. Devetta B. Naylor, Houston, Texas; Mrs. Shirley Beasley, Houston, Texas, and Mr. Paul Thomas, Dallas, Texas.

### Pre-Clinical Nursing Pilot Project Held

Fifteen nursing majors are enrolled in Nursing 360, a course designed to orient students in Pre Clinical studies to the process of nursing practice. The focus is on writing nursing care plans for the health care consumer. Writing the care plans forces the student to use knowledge gained in Anatomy and Physiology, Psychology, Sociology, Nutrition. Students participating in the program are Renita Alexander, Charlotte Caldwell, Velma Caldwell, Gwen Chatman, Patsy Ham-

mond, Deborah Hatton, Linda Johnson, Pamela Lott, Venetta McIntosh, Grace Nelson, Edith Scott, Debra Sims, Cynthia Perry, Sheryl Thomas, and Barbara Walker.

#### HOUSTON EARLY THEATER

The first theater in Texas was established in Houston on June 11, 1838. During the period of the Republic, visiting professional theatrical companies played engagements at Houston, Jefferson, Galveston and San Augustine.

## Canterbury Association News

The Canterbury Association of Prairie View A&M University is planning a trip to Astro World for July 8, 1977.

Every summer the Canterbury Association get together to bring love, unity and fun, to have a super summer. So if any students want to get in the middle of fun, they need to visit Astro World this summer with the Canterbury Association.

Students are invited to take this opportunity to visit Astro World with the Canterbury Association. For further information contact the following after 5:00 p.m.:

Father Robert Moore, Ph. 857-3590 off campus; Peggy D. Archer, Ph. 857-3464 off campus; Sharon Stafford, Ph. 857-3402 off campus.

## Wondering

Do you see how fast the days go  
And how fast the years pass us by?  
But we always ask why.  
It's hard to figure it out,  
But yet they go  
And we are left "wondering,"  
If we are slow.  
But if we are achievers,  
Or learn something new each day,  
We have no time to wonder  
And the days seem slow.

By Peggy D. Archer



Members of Up and Bound Project pose for picture during activity session.

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Speakers are shown during Community Affairs program held recently in the Memorial Center.



Program participants are pictured during President's Summer Session Convocation (see other photos outside cover and page one).

## Phillips-Jones

The engagement and approaching marriage of Seceter Yolanda Phillips of Prairie View, Texas to Samuel Edward Jones of Houston, Texas is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Phillips of Prairie View, Texas.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Tennessee State University and the recipient of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is presently employed at NASA, L.B.J. Space Center as a Mechanical Engineer.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Prairie View A&M University; she is presently a graduate student in Business Administration at her Alma Mater. She is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Seceter and Samuel have chosen Saturday, August 13,

1977 for their wedding date and the wedding service will be celebrated in St. Martin De-Porres Catholic Church, Prairie View, Texas.



Ms. Phillips

## Religious Poems

The National Society of Published Poets, Inc. is compiling a book of religious poems by our members.

If any Panther readers have written a religious poem and would like the society to consider it for publication, please have them send their poem, with a self-addressed envelope to: Religious Poems, The National Society of Published Poets, P.O. Box 1976, Riverview, Florida 33569.

## The Fourth State

The Fourth Estate is an Association of Mass Communication Majors at Prairie View A&M University.

There have not been much heard about the Fourth Estate because the Association has just begun in September, 1976, and the Mass Communication Majors are still planning new ideas of how they want the Fourth Estate to be.

The Fourth Estate is growing well and moving upwards towards success. By September, 1977, there will always be news about the Fourth Estate because the members will be ready to put their plans in function. So watch our Prairie View Student Associations. "The Fourth Estate" might pass you by with growth.

By Peggy D. Archer

## Former Prof. Conducts Review

Tuesday, June 21, 1977, Ms. Meredith Parker, former Associate Professor in the Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing, served as the consultant for the Psychiatric component of the College's Nursing Review Program for State Board Exams. Twenty-six May, 1977 graduates of the College of Nursing attended the six-hour session at the Houston Clinical Center. The session covered (1) Methodology of objective test taking; (2) Comprehensive review of test items covering Psychiatric Nursing; (3) Brief review of

theory content commonly required in current nursing practice with discussion of test items; and (4) Recommendations for successful review for State Board Exams.

Ms. Parker is currently teaching Psychiatric Nursing at the University of Miami in Miami, Florida.

## Thought for Today

Life is so beautiful, dying is so sad, so do something memorable to make your life worth while.

By Peggy D. Archer

## Jack and Jill Group Holds Candlelight Service

An impressive candlelight ceremony initiating new members Mary Catchings, Lorraine Kirkpatrick, Barbara Strickland, and Clara Gordon into the Prairie View Chapter of Jack and Jill of America Inc. was held in May at the Neuman Center. After the members were inducted into the organization by President Annie Muse, Jiller Audry Redd

read the rights and privileges accorded to all members. Jiller Cecil Richardson gave history of the chapter from its inception. Each new member

was given a pink tea rose with a blue ribbon, the colors of the organization. This great organization is dedicated to the interest and welfare of children

through the participating in civic, religious, and educational activities. A lavish feast followed the ceremony.

Reporter, Jiller Katie Johnson



Pictured above are members of the Prairie Chapter of Jack and Jill of America Inc.

## Operation Success: Former Miss PV Honored

Ms Cheryl McIntyre Taylor has been named Employee of the Year at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Kansas City. She received a plaque, a bond and a parking sign which reads "Reserved for the Employee of the Year."

The following is a resume of Cheryl Taylor's background and activities as reported in "HEART BEAT", the May issue of the Hospital publication.

A pretty girl like Cheryl Taylor, Registered Dietitian, may very well be like a melody, according to the old song. But Cheryl's attractiveness comes from a physical fitness vitality and an inner serenity, rather than from cosmetics and hairdos.

Cheryl came to Baptist Memorial hospital in 1970 as a therapeutic dietitian. When the Goppert Family Care Center opened in 1972, she became the clinical nutritionist. Her diet instructions go to outpatients who need to learn new lifestyles which may include a low calorie diet for weight control, low carbohydrate for a diabetic and other diets for other health problems. She also holds nutrition classes for nurses and student nurses in the hospital.

Because many of the diet instructions have to do with weight reduction, Cheryl wrote a booklet, "You Are What You Eat, Eat, Eat," a concise outline on the subject of proper food choices, using the behavioral modification concept. In order to reach more individuals interested in weight control she organized G.R.O.-U.P. — Get Rid of Unwanted Pounds. They meet every Tuesday at the hospital for an evening of information, fun and contests with 30 to 40 in attendance. In addition to outpatients, others who attend include hospital employees and people from the community.

Cheryl's childhood was spent in Ft. Worth and Bonham, Texas. In high school she was a member of the National Honor Society and the New Homemakers of America. She was also a drum majorette for the school band, played on the girls' basketball team, worked on the year book staff. She graduated as class valedictorian, was Sweetheart of the



Cheryl Taylor

New Farmers of America on both local and district levels and was "Miss Texas High." She also played the piano at her church.

At Prairie View University in Prairie View, Texas, she majored in dietetics. Again she led an active life as a member of Kappa Omega Beta Social Club, the Home Economics Club, the Women's Council and the Press Club. Her honors and awards included being listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, the Dean's List, "Miss Prairie View," "Miss Texas Coed," the President's Blue Ribbon Committee and a class officer.

Her career as a dietitian has been unusually well-rounded. She went to Boston for a year's internship at Beth Israel Hospital, a Jewish hospital. She then went to work as chief therapeutic dietitian at a Catholic institution, the St. Joseph Hospital in Stamford, Conn., before coming to Kansas City to a Protestant hospital.

In 1976 she received a Master's Degree from the University of Kansas. Her thesis was on "Psychological and Nutritional Findings in Obese Subjects Who Have Undergone Gastric Bypass Surgery."

Away from the hospital she leads a busy life as a member of the American Dietetic Association, the Greater Kansas City Dietetic Association, in which she has been chairman of the Diet Therapy Committee and on the Scholarship Committee, the Speakers' Bureau of the American Heart Association, a

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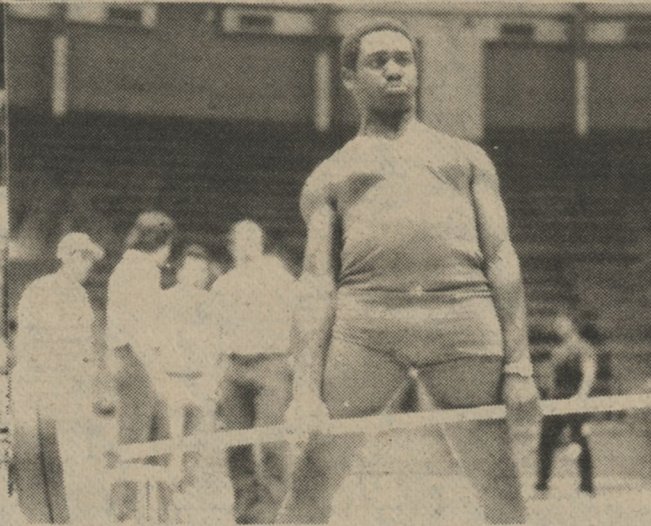
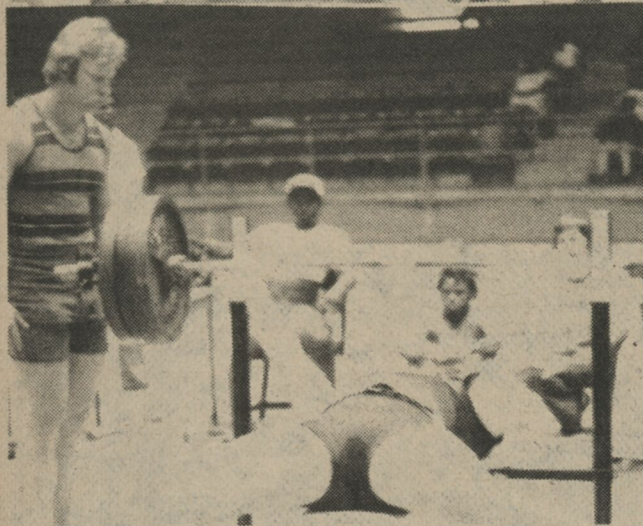
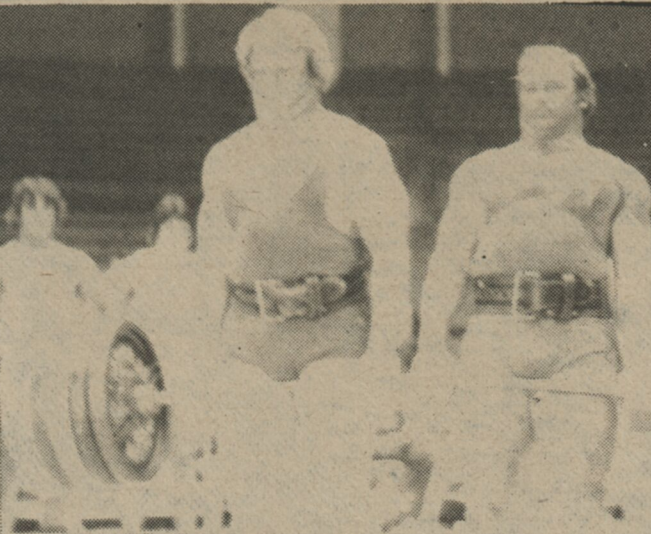
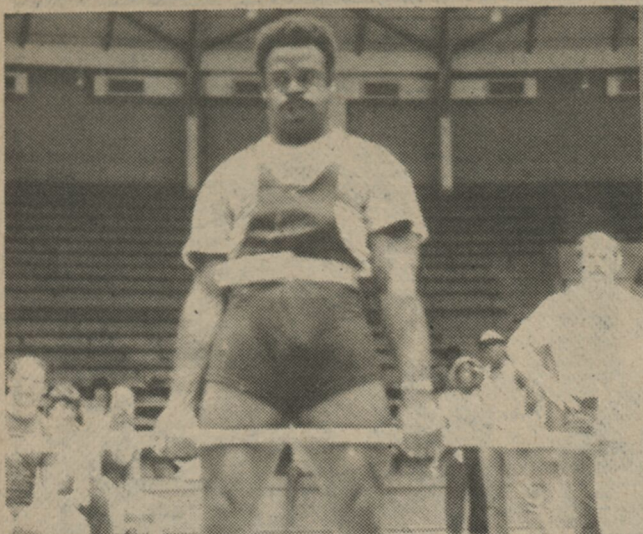
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Scenes from recent Region IX Weightlifting Competition held on PV's campus.

## Profile of Success

# Mary Ayers Sets National Track Record

By Angela Greaux

Mary Ayers has broken the Amateur Athletic Union's outdoor national record in the 400-meter hurdles. She established a new American record of 56.61 seconds, at the AAU Outdoor National Championship which was held June 9th-11th at the University of California at Los Angeles.

This outstanding feat places Mary Ayers at the Number 1 athlete in this national event. She toppled Autherine Gainer's record of 57.24 which was the 1976 AAU record. Both Autherine and Mary are members of the Prairie View A&M University Pantherettes. They are under the capable coaching of Ms. Barbara Jacket, Head Women's Track Coach at the University.

This distinction brings to Prairie View A&M University another success story. It certainly demonstrates the serious commitment of the Prairie View student to succeed and to be a leader in a positive manner. Mary Ayers did not get lucky and win. Mary Ayers came to Prairie View A&M University from Cleveland, Ohio because she wanted to succeed. She came to Prairie View to be a winner. She was afforded the opportunity to become a winner.

Through Prairie View A&M University and its demands for high standards, Mary learned the value of meeting standards and over-achieving. She wanted to be the Number 1 athlete in the 400 meter hurdles and she disciplined herself to do just that.

Today Mary Ayers is not only an outstanding athlete. She holds the National Outdoor title in this category. She has brought honor and distinction



Mary Ayers

to Prairie View A&M University because she dared to succeed.

But Mary is recognizing that as a leader, you are constantly being tested and challenged. She is now on a 22-day European Tour. She is a member of the AAU's United States International Team. She is currently on the senior European Tour along with 28 women and 43 men.

Mary is competing in the 100 meter hurdles and the mile relay team. The team has competing on June 20-21 in Turin, Italy, on June 25-26, they will compete in Gelsenkirchen, West Germany and on July 1-2 at Sochi, Russia.

Mary will participate in the Universal Games in Sophia, Bulgaria, in August. She will be joined by Prairie View's Track Coach, Miss Barbara Jacket as she serves as the Assistant Coach at the World University Games.

At Prairie View we are saying out loud for another winner, another notch of excellence in our program of "Operation Success".

## PV Athletes on Tour

Debria Williams, a member of the 1976-77 Pantherettes basketball team was one of the ten women chosen for the World University Women Games.

Debria, who averaged 31 points a season and hit 55 points in one game as a senior at Waller High School, averaged 17.5 points and 12.0 rebounds as a freshman at Prairie View last season.

She will go to a training camp from July 25-August 14 in New York and from the training camp 13 of 25 participants will go to Europe beginning August 18 with the

World University Games for two weeks.

Mary Ayers, a senior on the Pantherettes Southwestern Athletic Conference Indoor and Outdoor Championship team has been chosen to run on the International Track Team that will run for 22 days in Italy, Germany and Russia.

Ayers one of the premier 400 meter hurdles in the world for women set a new American record in the 400 meters in a time of 56.61 at the recent AAU meet. She also is a three time Southwestern Athletic Conference 400 meter hurdler champion.

## News Briefs

### Governor Briscoe Approves Criminal Justice Grant

Governor Dolph Briscoe has approved a criminal justice grant to the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

The \$330,626 grant will pay for maintenance and upgrading of the high-speed landline communication project, serving area law enforcement agencies.

The local grant was among 116 approved by Governor Briscoe statewide from Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) funds under the Crime Control Act of 1976.

### Secretary Kreps Announces Plan to Aid Minority Businesses

Secretary of Commerce Juanita M. Kreps today announced an agreement providing for a major national effort to insure minority business participation in the \$4-billion Public Works Law of 1977 program.

Two Commerce Department agencies, the Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE) and the Economic Development Administration (EDA) will identify, encourage and assist minority firms to participate in the public works program, which calls for 10 percent, or \$400-million, to be expended for minority business enterprise.

### Austin AQUA Festival Set for August 5-14

The 1977 Austin Aqua Festival, August 5-14, is preparing to welcome over a half million people to the beautiful Highland Lakes in the Texas Hill Country. The festival is family oriented offering fun for all ages at little or no cost.

Ranked as one the top 10 festivals in the United States, Austin Aqua Festival focuses national attention on the water resources in Texas and the seven recreational water areas in Austin.

Highlights include the largest National Drag Boat Races, National Water Ski Championships, the Governor's Cup Sailing Regatta, Land and Water Parades, and an Aero-Fest.

### \$500 Prize for Best Paper

A \$500 cash prize is to be awarded by the American Health Foundation's quarterly journal, PREVENTIVE MEDICINE, to the student authors of the best original paper on the subject of preventive medicine. A runner-up prize of \$200 is also being awarded. Winning papers will be published in the Journal.

## Kinney Coach of the Year; PVU Runs Away With SWAC Title

The Prairie View Panther golf team which dominated Southwestern Athletic Conference Competition by winning 8 straight SWAC titles from 1966-72, regained that dominance by winning the title at Woodland Hills Golf Course in Nagecodoces.

The Panthers who went into the SWAC tournament with a 4-1 record had previously won the SWAC preseason President's Invitation at Baton Rouge.

This time however, the Panthers led by Jesse Allen (234), William Sacks (234), and Rex Conn (241), shot a team total of 939 to beat runnerup Texas Southern by 40 strokes, who shot 979 for second place. Southern was third (1001), Jackson State fourth (1005), MVSU fifth (1020), Grambling sixth (1049) and Alcorn seventh (1243).

Allen, a junior from Jackson, Mississippi, Sacks a freshman from Dallas and Conn a sophomore from Cincinnati, Ohio, were named to the Coaches All SWAC team.

Robert Kinney, the Panthers golf coach was named SWAC Golf Coach of the Year.

Dr George Cupples was the first doctor in Texas to use anesthetics and in 1853 served as the first president of the Texas Medical Association.

The Panthers will try to make it two in a row this weekend when they compete in the NAIA district 8 golf tournament in Houston, May 5-6.

## Operation

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volunteer and past member of the board of directors of the Children's Special Education Center, the Council of Family Practice Nutritionists, Nutritionists in Nursing, Christian Women's Club and a member of the Outstanding Young Women of America organization.

Her physical fitness comes from activities such as tennis in the summer and swimming, in which she took and 8-week course this winter. She also does calisthenics and watches her diet carefully.

With her educational background and activities one would imagine that Cheryl's business career might leave little time for anything else. Such is not the case! To know Cheryl Taylor is to realize her primary goal in life is to help people and witness for Christ. She belongs to a national group that gives specialized help to people with problems and her next assignment in church will be with teenagers.

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10	East Texas University	7:30 p.m.	Dallas, Tx. (Cotton Bowl)
17	Jackson State University	1:30 p.m.	Prairie View, Tx.
24	Southern University	7:30 p.m.	Houston, Tx. (Rice Stadium)
OCTOBER			
1	Grambling State University	7:30 p.m.	Grambling, La.
8	Southwest Texas State University	7:30 p.m.	San Marcos, Tx.
15	Texas Lutheran College	7:30 p.m.	Seguin, Tx.
22	Bishop College	7:30 p.m.	Dallas, Tx.
29	Mississippi Valley State Univ. (Homecoming)	1:30 p.m.	Prairie View, Tx.
NOVEMBER			
5	University of Arkansas	2:00 p.m.	Pine Bluff, Ar.
12	Alcorn State University	1:00 p.m.	Lorman, Miss.
19	Texas Southern University	7:30 p.m.	Houston, Tx. (Rice Stadium)





***Scenes From May Commencement***

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